



Cerritos College

CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD

Program of Study

This program welcomes students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Male students are encouraged to investigate career opportunities in Child Development. The Child Development Department offers several different options for the student interested in working with young children. All full-time Child Development Instructors are available to advise students in all of the following areas:

A. Child Development Department Specializations – The specializations are designed to meet the minimum requirements of the Department of Social Services to teach in licensed private preschools and childcare programs. This is an entry-level career choice. The student is encouraged to pursue additional units in Child Development to advance in the field.

Applications for the following Verifications of Completion must be made at the Health Occupations Division office anytime after the completion of courses.

- Associate Teacher Certificate of Completion
- Preschool Director Certificate of Completion
- Family Child Care Certificate of Completion

B. The Child Development Permit – The permit is granted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and entitles the holder to teach in state and federally funded programs. This is an expanded career choice and has levels of advancement. The Department recommends that all Child Development students aspire to the Child Development permit. Application for the permit is made through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

- Assistant Teacher
- Associate Teacher
- Teacher
- Master Teacher
- Site Supervisor

C. Certificates of Achievement – This is a carefully planned course of classes that will meet requirements of The Department of Social Services and The Child Development permit as well as when combined with the required general studies classes will lead to an AA Degree in Child Development. This offers even greater career options. Application for the Certificate of Achievement must be made through the Cerritos College Office of Admissions and Records by March 1 of the year you intend to graduate.

- Certificate of Achievement: Child Development/Early Childhood
- Certificate of Achievement: Child Development/Preschool Director
- Certificate of Achievement: Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Certificate of Achievement: Child Development/School-Age Child Care
- Certificate of Achievement: Child Development/Special Education
- Certificate of Achievement: child Development/Educational Paraprofessional

D. AA Degree – Child Development – This option requires one of the Certificates of Achievement and the required general education courses at Cerritos College. (See college

catalogue and counselor). This offers the best career options and prepares the student for transfer to a university. (Please note that classes with a number under 100 do not transfer.) Application for the AA degree must be made through the Cerritos College Office of Admissions and Records by March 1 of the year you intend to graduate.

DEPARTMENT SPECIALIZATIONS

A1. ASSOCIATE TEACHER SPECIALIZATIONS AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: (12 UNITS)

The following courses meet the minimum educational requirements under Title 22 (Department of Social Services) to qualify the student to teach in a state licensed preschool or childcare program. The student must have taken the courses within the last five years and must have attained a grade of "C" or higher in each course. In addition, to qualify for this verification, the student must complete three out of four courses at Cerritos College.*

COURSES		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development – DS1	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education - DS3	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum – DS	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family and Community – DS2	3

A2. PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR SPECIALIZATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: (15 UNITS)

The following courses meet the minimum educational requirements under Title 22 (Department of Social Services) to qualify the student to be a director of a state licensed preschool or childcare program. The student must have attained a grade of "C" or higher in each course. In addition, to qualify for this verification, the student must complete three out of four courses at Cerritos College.* For employment, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will also require four years of teaching experience in a preschool or child care program if applicant has only the above minimum education requirements.

These courses alone do not qualify at any level of the Child Development Permit from the California commission of Teacher Credentials.

CORE COURSES		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development – DS1	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education – DS3	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum – DS3	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family and Community – DS2	3

ADDITIONAL COURSE

CDEC 66	Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Education Programs – DS6	3
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A3. FAMILY CHILD CARE SPECIALIZATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: (9 UNITS)

To qualify for this verification, the student must complete the three courses at Cerritos College. The student must have taken the courses within the last five years and must have attained a grade of "C" or higher in each course.*

COURSES		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development	3
CDFC 10	Family Child Care Providers (offered Spring semester only)	3

CDEC 161	Nutrition, Health, & Safety in Children's Programs	3
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*TO QUALIFY FOR CREDIT FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OR THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT, COURSES NOT COMPLETED AT CERRITOS COLLEGE MUST BE COMPARABLE IN CONTENT, UNITS, AND GRANTED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED BY THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Child Development Department urges all students to apply for the permit as soon as they have completed six of the core units. After completing additional required units, students should apply for the next level.

For additional information on the Child Development permit ask for the booklet issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing available in the Health Occupations Division office.

B1. ASSISTANT – THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

This level authorizes the instruction of children under the supervision of a teacher.

COURSES (choose two from the following classes)		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family, and Community	3

B2. ASSOCIATE TEACHER – THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

This authorizes instruction and supervision of an assistant

COURSES (MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE CORE COURSES)		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family, and Community	3

B3. TEACHER - THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following courses meet the requirements for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing that are required to teach in state and federally funded programs for young children or any privately funded programs that also require the Child Development permit.

COURSES		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family, and Community	3
CDEC 164	Early Childhood Education Practicum	3

The student must also choose and complete an additional 12 units from the Certificate of Achievement in Child Development requirements to meet the required total of 24 units in Child Development.

The student must also complete 16 units in general education in the areas stated: English/Language Arts, Math or Science, Social Sciences, Humanities and/or Fine Arts. Also note that for the Permit there is a required experience period.

B4. MASTER TEACHER – THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Requires all that is stated above in Teacher description plus the following:

CDEC 230 – Adult Supervision in Child Care Program

6 units of specialization – please see a full-time faculty member in Child Development for advisement

Also note a more **extensive experience period is required.**

B5. SITE SUPERVISOR – THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Requires an AA degree or 60 units, which must include the following courses. If the AA does not include the following courses then these course must be taken in addition:

COURSES		UNITS
CD 110	Child Development – DS1	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education - DS3	3
CDEC 112	Early Childhood Education Curriculum – DS3	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family and Community – DS2	3

Twelve additional Child Development units (choose from Certificate of Achievement – Early Childhood list)

COURSES		UNITS
CDEC 66	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
CDEC 67	Advanced Administration of Early Childhood Programs (offered in Spring semester only)	3
CDEC 230	Adult Supervision in Child Care Programs	3

Please note the required Experience Period.